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NOTE VERBALE DATED 6 NOVEMBER 1991 FROM THE PERMANENT MISSION OF YUGOSLAVIA TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

The Permanent Mission of the Socialist Federal Republic of Yugoslavia to the United Nations presents its compliments to the President of the Security Council and has the honour to request that the note of the Federal Secretariat for Foreign Affairs of the Socialist Federal Republic of Yugoslavia handed to the Ambassador of Hungary at Belgrade on 5 November 1991 be circulated among Member States as a document of the Security Council.

Annex

Note dated 4 November 1991 from the Federal Secretariat for Foreign Affairs of Yugoslavia addressed to the Embassy of Hungary at Belgrade

The Federal Secretariat for Foreign Affairs of the Socialist Federal Republic of Yugoslavia presents its compliments to the Embassy of the Republic of Hungary and, with reference to the note verbale of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Hungary alleging that on 27 October 1991, an aircraft coming from Yugoslav territory violated Hungary's airspace and dropped a cluster bomb on the town of Barcs, has the honour to inform of the following.

After a thorough investigation, the competent officials of the Yugoslav National Army have ruled out any possibility that an aircraft of the Yugoslav Air Force violated Hungarian airspace and flew a combat mission over the border town of Barcs on 27 October 1991. The competent military officials have also stated that the Yugoslav National Army is in no possession of Swedish-made missiles (cluster bombs), which were fired on that occasion.

The Yugoslav authorities are agreed, if the Hungarian side deems it necessary, to set up a joint State or military commission of experts to investigate the circumstances surrounding this incident.

The Federal Secretariat for Foreign Affairs wishes to bring to the attention of the Hungarian side once again that numerous violations of Yugoslav airspace committed by Hungarian aircraft continue and to express its expectation that Hungary will take appropriate measures to discontinue such practices. On 18 and 24 October 1991, the Federal Secretariat intervened officially with the Hungarian authorities because of these violations and the illegal shipments of arms and military equipment from Hungary to Yugoslavia and cited specific examples of such activities, which are in violation of Security Council resolution 713 (1991), paragraphs 6 and 7.

The Federal Secretariat for Foreign Affairs avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Embassy of the Republic of Hungary the assurances of its high consideration.